(i) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Vitamin B1, Vitamin B2 and Tetracycline appear in the list of restricted items and Refampicin appears in the list of limited permissible items in the Import & Export Policy (Volume I), 1988—91 and their import is allowed against supplementary licences. IRMAC licences are also issued, to facilititate import of these items in bulk off-the-shelf supply to small actual users.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Particulars of import licences are published in the Weekly Bulletin of Import Licences, Export Licences and Industrial Licences, copies of which are available in the Parliament library.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) A statement is enclosed. [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 94.]

(g) Such information is not being compiled.

(h) and (i) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Ganga Action Plan

1710 SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ganga Action Plan is unduly delayed due to warnglings over award of construction work of sewage treatment plants;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for these wranglings; and

(c) by when work on the Action Plan is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) No Sir. 35 Sewage Treatment Plants have been sanctioned under the Ganga Action Plan in the three States of U.P., Bihar and West Bengal. Of these, only the acceptance of tenders for the Sewage Treatment Plants for Allahabad and Kanpur have been delayed, as they are subjudice.

(c) 262 schemes at an estimated cost of Rs. 258.44 crores have been sanctioned under the Ganga Action Plan. 50 schemes have already been completed and work is in progress at various stages in the other schemes. A large majority of the schemes will be completed in the Seventh Five year Plan.

Holding of reserve funds by banks

1711. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the practice of holding reserve funds by the nationalised banks has been continuing;

(b) whether Government have issued any guidelines for using these reserve funds by the nationalised banks;

(c) whether for the purpose of audit of bank accounts these reserve funds are taken into account; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) In accordance with Section 17 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, every Banking Company Incorporated in India is required to create a reserve fund and shall, out of the balance of profit of each year, as disclosed in the Profit and Loss Account prepared under Section 29 and before any dividend is declared, transfer to the reserve fund a sum equivalent to not less than twenty percent of such profit. Where a Banking Company appropriates any sum or sums from the reserve fund or the share premium account, the fact